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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS

In re Patent Application of:)
FLICK)
Serial No. 09/650,425)
Filing Date: AUGUST 29, 2000)
For: VEHICLE SECURITY SYSTEM SHOCK)
SENSING SIREN AND ASSOCIATED)
METHODS)

Examiner: **B. SWARTHOUT**

Art Unit: **2632**

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APPELLANT'S REPLY BRIEF

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Sir:

Herewith is Appellant's Reply Brief that is submitted in reply to the Examiner's Answer to Appellant's Appeal Brief. If any additional extensions and/or fees are required, authorization is given to charge Deposit Account No. **01-0484**.

Applicant submits that the Examiner's Answer to Appellant's Appeal Brief contains a typographical error. More specifically, in the "response to arguments" section, the Examiner notes that "[o]n page 6 of the appeal brief, appellant argues that it would have been obvious to combine the separate housings of the shock sensor and siren of the Mueller into a common housing."

Appellant submits that this is a typographical error and that this sentence should read as follows: "On page 6 of the appeal brief, appellant argues that it would not have been obvious.

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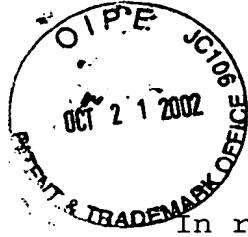
. . ." Appellant again submits that the Mueller et al. patent actually teaches away from the claimed invention in that it discloses a shock sensor and siren device being discrete and widely spaced apart in the vehicle. Further, separate respective housings are provided for the siren and shock sensor. There is simply no fair teaching or suggestion in the Mueller et al. patent, or any other prior art reference, to disregard the clear teachings of the Mueller et al. patent in an attempt to produce the claimed invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art. Appellant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences reverse the earlier unfavorable decision of the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,



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